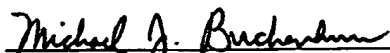


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5-7 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5 were rejected in the Office Action of December 3, 2004. On May 13, 2005, applicant filed a Supplemental Amendment presenting claims having all the limitations found to be allowable. On August 12, 2005, the USPTO issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment that required cancellation of claims not found allowable in the Office Action of December 3, 2004. Therefore, to comply with that requirement, Claims 1-4 have been cancelled without prejudice. The cancellation of Claims 1-4 renders moot all rejections of those claims. The Office Action objected to Claims 3-4 as allowable if rewritten to include limitations of the base and intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability and respectfully requests allowance of the new claim 6 which incorporates the limitation of the allowable claim 3 combined with the limitations of its parent claim, and new claim 7, which depends on claim 6 and is therefore also allowable. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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